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EVERY PATRIOTIC AMERICAN SHOULD DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG IN HIS HOME AND IN HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS, OR OFFICE IF HE HAS SUCH AS A TESTIMONY OF DEVOTION TO HIS COUNTRY

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WILLIAMS SOLIDLY BACK OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Telegram Expressing Loyalty Sent Congress—Patriotism Thrills Town—Flags bedeck Public Buildings and Places Of Business

That Williams is solidly back of President Wilson in his declaration for an aggressive war in the defense of the dignity, honor and interests of the United States, is increasingly apparent. The fire of patriotism is manifesting itself in various ways, among which is a characteristic telegram recently sent congress by citizens of Williams.

Last Tuesday it was worded about that a half dozen or so citizens of Williams had sent a telegram to Senator Ashurst urging him to oppose a declaration of war with Germany. This word reached the ears of J. E. Ruffin Tuesday evening. "What! Williams go on record as taking that attitude!" he exclaimed. "Not much." To Mr. Ruffin is due the credit for starting the ball rolling, but it can not be said that his patriotism burned deeper, nor that his indignation ran higher than that of other Williams men. Mr. Ruffin thot to counteract the impression that the first telegram might give, by a second with a larger list of signers. Dr. Jeffries and L. S. Williams joined in to quickly secure a list of signers and in the course of an hour or so, the signatures of thirty prominent Williams people had been appended to the telegram. A copy of the telegram and the reply received from Senator Ashurst, appear below:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

"We as Loyal American Citizens of Williams, Arizona, approve and will stand by the President in an aggressive warfare to protect the interests, honor and dignity of the government of the United States." (Signatures of thirty citizens) J. E. Ruffin,

Williams, Arizona:

Thanks for yours and other encouraging and patriotic telegrams.

Ashurst, U. S. Senator.

During the last few days, the streets of Williams have appeared bedecked with American flags, and Old Glory has floated from the flagpoles of all public buildings, and above many business buildings. Store windows are decorated with bunting and flags and delivery wagons and automobiles are bedecked with the national colors.

There is no doubting that Williams, like practically every other town in the United States is solidly back of the President, as he expressed himself in his address before congress.

Hats for every occasion, Sailor Hats, Sport Hats, Dress Hats. For Ladies, Misses and Children. See us before you buy. Racket Store

D. H. Ritter and workmen finished their road work between Sweetwood's ranch and Howard Lake. Saturday and started a new camp at McClellan Dam to work east.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA

Executive Department State of Arizona

WHEREAS, The President, in his wisdom and with the concurrence of Congress, has declared that a state of war exists between The United States and The Empire of Germany; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and fitting that the citizens of the State of Arizona acknowledge, in a public manner, their allegiance and fealty to the Union and re-consecrate themselves, their families, their possessions and, if need be, their lives at the altar of their Country;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of this, our bounden duty, I, Thomas E. Campbell, Governor of Arizona, hereby designate Sunday, April 8th 1917, as "Loyalty Sunday" and urgently recommend that, on the day thus set apart, all citizens of Arizona do assemble at their respective places of worship and solemnly offer unto Almighty God these pledges of Loyalty to their Country, and for the benefit of our common welfare as a Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arizona to be affixed.

Done at Phoenix, the capital, this 3rd day of April, A. D., 1917.

THOMAS E. CAMPBELL Governor of Arizona. Attest: SIDNEY P. OSBORN, Secretary of State.

TOWN COUNCIL IN LIVE SESSION TUES.

The regular session of the Town Council, Tuesday night, proved to be a live one. In addition to the routine business many special matters were considered, and discussions were so lively that the meeting held until nearly twelve o'clock.

The petitions for sidewalks were acted upon and walks were ordered in on the north side of Grant and of Sherman avenues, from Taber to Fifth Streets.

Messrs Nordyke and E. A. Miller, Clean-up Committee of the Williams Development Association, and Harold Greene, President of the Organization, were present and urged the council to adopt a plan to cooperate with the Development Association and the Woman's Club in arranging for an effective method of garbage and rubbish collection and disposal for the town. The suggestion was received favorably by the council and details for a definite plan are being worked out.

The council passed a traffic ordinance which will appear in the News in full next week. It is aimed to prevent speeding on the town streets, and to provide an orderly method of parking automobiles along the streets, and of turning and passing.

The Council decided to offer the Town farm for sale and to receive bids for the same.

WILLIAMS-FLAGSTAFF ROAD NOW OPEN

The Williams-Flagstaff road which has been blockaded with snow drifts near Maip, is now open. Cars succeeded in getting thru the early part of last week by going round the drifts, but the new trail they made soon became soft and impassable. Last Sunday the snow drifts which still blocked the way were shoveled thru and now the original road is clear and offers easy passage for automobiles.

This is welcome news to tourists. The word should be spread in order that the unfavorable impression of the northern route, given by the snow blockade, may be speedily overcome.

MASS MEETING SATURDAY NIGHT

One member of the School Board has requested that the News call attention to the meeting of the School Board at the school house Saturday night at which the new board will be organized, and urge that patrons of the school attend in force as there are a great many important matters to come before the board which the people should interest themselves in. This is a mighty good suggestion. The patrons of the school ought to take a keener interest in the school and help in making our school inferior to none in the state.

After all the school belongs to the people, and the board is elected simply to serve the people. The people could do nothing that would encourage the board more than a large attendance next Saturday night. Let us show these men that we are interested in our school and that we are back of them and ready to cooperate with them in every possible way, to help make our school better.

COMMITTEE TO LEAVE SAT. TO VIEW ROAD

The road committee of the Williams Development Association plans to leave from the White Garage, for Perkinsville Saturday morning, to view the proposed Williams-Clarkdale road. There will be about ten members in the party. They will go by way of Ash Fork. They plan a tour of inspection over the road and expect to be gone about three days.

The sentiment favoring a road south is extremely strong, and the committee is confident that once a suitable route is settled upon, a road fund sufficient to put the road thru this summer, can be raised thru contributions. Such a road will prove a great boon both to Williams and to the country south.

NOTICE

The Town Council of Williams will receive sealed bids for the cash purchase of the town farm adjacent to Williams. All bids must be accompanied with a certified check in the sum of One Hundred Dollars. The council reserves the rights to reject any and all bids. All bids must be on file with the Town Clerk on or before May 5, 1917. J. W. LEE, Town Clerk.

WATER

At this time when the people of Williams are giving thot to the local water question and are considering more or less seriously the matter of taking over the waterworks by purchase, the Williams readers of the News will be interested in what other Arizona towns which own their waterworks are doing. Below is submitted the report of Wickenburg on the question of her municipally owned waterworks for the month of February. Wickenburg is a smaller town than Williams, but the per capita water consumption is probably greater. Williams would use more water, however, if it cost only 19 1-3 cents per 1,000 gallons. It costs Wickenburg 6.2 per gallon to pump her water. Williams has a gravity system and would save much of Wickenburg's pumping cost. The Wickenburg report is worth studying.

Wickenburg Water works, Feb. Report

Receipts from town...\$209.38
Receipts from railway...107.58
Receipts from plant...11.21
Total...\$328.17

Less operating expense...167.60
Operating profit...\$160.57
Less betterments, etc...51.40
Net profit...\$109.17
Pumped up 2,570,000 gallons at 6.2 cents.

Town used 1,085,075 gallons at 19 1-3 cents.

Railway used 1,344,750 gallons.

Plants used 140,175 gallons.

Taps to date, 124.

Note.—Summer rates on lawns, trees and gardens begins April 1st. Be ready for it.

C. B. HOSFORD, Superintendent and Engineer. Wickenburg makes money on

Wright Williams in Town

Mr. Wright Williams returned to Williams today, for a visit with his brother. Mr. Williams looks as tho the country south has agreed with him this winter. He arrived just in time to strike some of our most delightful Williams weather.

Died of Apoplexy

Mrs. Harry Hibben, wife of a prominent Flagstaff sheep man, died of apoplexy at her home last Thursday. Mrs. Hibben was born in Germany fifty-three years ago. She came to America when a girl and has resided in Flagstaff a good many years. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her loss, besides a host of friends.

Mrs. Bengston Dangerously Ill

Mrs. M. L. Bengston, formerly of Williams now of Garden City, Kansas, is seriously ill and is not expected to recover. Two weeks ago a little baby arrived at the Bengston home. For the first five days of her illness Mrs. Bengston seemed to do well, but after that she took a turn for the worse and now little hope is retained for her recovery.

Wants to Locate in Arizona

Mr. W. C. Barbour, wife and daughter, from Missouri, are in Williams visiting Mrs. Barbour and daughter. Mr. Barbour is pleased with Arizona and is desirous of finding a business location in this state.

Now is the time to plant your garden. New onion sets on sale at the Racket Store

UNITED STATES AT WAR WITH IMPERIAL GERMAN GOVERNMENT

SENATE PASSES RESOLUTION BY VOTE OF 82 TO 6—HOUSE BY VOTE OF 373 TO 50—GERMAN SHIP SEIZED—ARMY RAISED TO 800,000—GERMANS PLAN INTERNMENT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS—LAFOLLETTE AND STONE HUNG IN EFFIGY—PATRIOTISM FIRES NATION

The Hous came to a vote on the Senate's resolution declaring a state of war now exists between Germany and the United States, at 3 a. m.. The vote stood 373 for and 50 against. The bill having already passed the Senate by a vote of 82 to 6 became effective at once. Its passage was followed by wild patriotic demonstrations thruout the country. At a number of cities, LaFollette and Stone were hung in effigy.

Immediately following the declaration of war, orders were given for the seizure of German steamers interned in this country. Word has been received that Germany has taken steps to intern all American citizens remaining in that country.

An increase of the army and National Guards to a total of 800,000 has already been authorized, and further increases later, are looked for. Recruiting is brisk thruout the Nation.

The Panama canal is now closed at night and all precautions are being observed to protect it from damage by dynamite plotters.

Patriotic leagues and organizations are being formed thruout the United States, and everywhere demonstrations are being given expressing the confidence the people feel in the administration and their readiness to support its war program.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY CONGRESS

"Whereas, the imperial German government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and the people of United States of America; therefore be it, "Resolved by the senate and the house of representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the state of war between the United States and the imperial German government which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared; and that the president be and is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the imperial German government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the congress of the United States."

TO ORGANIZE PATRIOTIC LEAGUE AND A HOME GUARD

The patriotic citizens of Williams are anxious to be placed on record as heartily endorsing the action taken by Congress in response to President Wilson's address, and have asked for the call of a mass meeting Friday night, April 6th, at the school auditorium for the purpose of organizing a patriotic league. The object in mind is to get all patriotic Americans who endorse President Wilson's speech and the action since taken by Congress, to get together in an organization, thus the better to express our approval, and to lend our assistance to our country in the conduct of a righteous war.

Plans are being made for the organization of a home guard supported by the patriotic league, to aid in internal policing, encourage recruiting, and further express our devotion to our country.

FRIDAY NIGHT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. If you are a true American, you are duty bound to attend.

Below appears the official call of Mayor Watson.

PROGLAMATION BY MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, the President of the United States in his wisdom and the concurrence of Congress has found cause to declare that a state of war now exists between the United States and the Imperial German Governmen, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and fitting that the residents of Williams as loyal citizens of the United States, should make a public declaration of their fealty to their country, and of their willingness and desire to aid in carrying this war to a successful termination for the protection of the homes, the lives and the rights and liberties of the citizens of the United States, and in the interest of humanity,

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of our duty to our country, I, R. C. Watson, Mayor of the town of Williams do hereby recommend and urge that the people of Williams assemble in public meeting, at the school auditorium on Friday, April 6, at 8 P. M. for the purpose of uniting in a patriotic league, the better to serve the country and to promote the common good in this time of national peril.

Signed, R. C. WATSON, MAYOR.